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796 fishing is difficult. It is said that this ceremony also consists of
791 calling a spirit and making a sacrifice. Hunting difficulties are ameliorated by the piaiyen on an individual basis by curing bina trouble, which will be described shortly.

757 **Medicine.** Beside the cassava and fish ceremony it is said that the medicine man conducts no public ceremonials, the remainder of his activities being confined to services which he renders on request and payment by individuals. In the latter capacity he fulfills functions analogous to those of a physician. Among the matters in which his services are sought are prevention of infertility, prevention of conception, and curing of the following ailments: fever, headache, sores and ulcers, eye trouble, and, in some cases, stomach and respiratory troubles. All internal and organic complaints, however, are difficult for the piaiyen to treat. The piaiyen also acts as a diviner in cases where sickness is due to action by another piaiyen. (See section on Crime and Punishment.)

● 753 Practically all sickness, including reproductive maladjustment, is due to intervention by spirits. But only serious cases of illness are cured by medicine men. A large number of medicines concocted from materials in the bush are in use by laymen for self-treatment. There are also a number of older women who are noted for their knowledge of curing methods and who constitute a group of minor healers, who are consulted by laymen, usually before or, sometimes, coincidentally with treatment by a piaiyen. The use of material medicines is not inconsistent in Carib thought with the theory that disease is due to spiritual causes. It is believed that the application of medicine to a wound, for instance, is so unpleasant to the spirit which has caused the wound that it ceases its interference. The use of internal medicine acts in the same way, causing the interfering spirits to cease persecuting the patient. Cathartic pills and salts, for instance, are believed to loosen the grip which spirits have taken on the bowels. A partial list of native material substances and cures used in Carib lay-medicine follows.

757 *ara uri*, remedy for headache. Scrape bark, then wrap the bark in
278 any kind of leaf and soak it in water four to five days; then wash the entire head, including the hair, with the solution.

parawakasi (trysle, *Pentaclethra*), remedy for open cuts and sores; a dicotoledenous plant. The two halves of the old seed remain